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Applicant: Keiya Ozawa et al. Art Unit:  
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Title: GENE THAT IMPARTS SELECTIVE PROLIFERATIVE ACTIVITY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 3, please insert

--The application is a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial Number 09/142,305, filed September 10, 1999, which claims priority to PCT/JP97/00687, filed March 5, 1997, which claims benefit of Japanese patent application 8/47796, filed March 5, 1996, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-4, 7, and 16, without prejudice.